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FEBRUARY 22, 1973

TO: HOOO

FROM: LORO

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING TWO MESSAGES TO YOUR CUSTOMER. THE FIRST IS A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO BE ENTITLED AS INDICATED. THE SECOND IS A REGULAR THIRD-PERSON MESSAGE.

A. BEGIN TEXT.

PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER CHOU EN-LAI
FROM DR. KISSINGER

IN DISCUSSING THE MATTER OF THE LIASON OFFICE IN PEKING, IT OCCURRED TO THE PRESIDENT AND ME THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME ADVANTAGES IN SENDING ONE OF OUR MOST DISTINGUISHED RETIRED DIPLOMATS, MR. DAVID BRUCE.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, MR. BRUCE HAS SERVED AS U.S. AMBASSADOR IN PARIS, BONN AND LONDON, AS WELL AS THE HEAD OF OUR DELEGATION TO THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM IN 1970-1971. HE ENJOYS ENORMOUS PRESTIGE IN THE UNITED STATES OF A BIPARTISAN NATURE. A SELECTION OF A MAN OF THIS DISTINCTION WOULD HAVE THE SYMBOLIC VALUE OF UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO OUR RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. MR. BRUCE WOULD HAVE OUR COMPLETE CONFIDENCE AND WOULD FULLY UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLES THAT YOU AND I HAVE DISCUSSED. IN ADDITION HE AND HIS WIFE HAPPEN TO BE LONG-TIME ADMIRERS OF CHINA.

I AM ATTACHING A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

WE RECOGNIZE, ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT TO SEND A MAN OF SUCH DISTINCTION COULD PRESENT CERTAIN COMPLICATIONS. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE ARE APPROACHING YOU ON A PERSONAL RATHER THAN ON OFFICIAL BASIS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN YOUR INITIAL REACTION. IN THE EVENT THAT YOU THINK WELL OF THE IDEA OF SENDING MR. BRUCE, MESSRS. JENKINS AND HOLDRIDGE WOULD BE MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. WHEN WE RECEIVE AN ANSWER WE SHALL SUBMIT THE APPROPRIATE NAMES OFFICIALLY.

ATTACHMENT
DAVID K. E. BRUCE

***** WHSR COMMENT *****

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PERSONAL HISTORY

--BORN ON FEBRUARY 12, 1908 IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.
 --STUDENT AT PRINCETON, VIRGINIA, AND MARYLAND UNIVERSITIES.
 --MARRIED TO EVANGELINE BELL. CHILDREN ARE ALEXANDRA, DAVID,
 AND NICHOLAS.

--HOME IS WASHINGTON, D.C.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

--1921-48. LAW PRACTICE, US FOREIGN SERVICE, BUSINESS AND FARMING,
 OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES.
 --1947-48. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.
 --1948-49. CHIEF, ECONOMIC COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION TO FRANCE.
 --1949-52. U.S. AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.
 --1952-53. UNDERSECRETARY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.
 --1953-54. U.S. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO EUROPEAN HIGH AUTHORITY
 FOR COAL AND STEEL.
 --1957-59. U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.
 --1961-69. U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN.
 --1970-71. HEAD OF U.S. DELEGATION TO THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON
 VIETNAM.

END OF TEXT

4. SECOND MESSAGE. BEGIN TEXT.

1. THE US SIDE IS GIVING VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE
 CHINESE NOTE REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. THE US SIDE
 TAKES ESPECIALLY SERIOUSLY THE CHINESE SUGGESTION THAT THE US
 AND DRV SHOULD MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO SETTLE THE FINAL ACT AMONG
 THEMSELVES PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE. FOR THIS PURPOSE AMBASSADOR
 SULLIVAN HAS BEEN SENT TO THE CONFERENCE AHEAD OF TIME TO MEET
 WITH VICE MINISTER THACH. THE US IS ALSO CONSIDERING FAVORABLY
 THE SUGGESTION THAT FRANCE, AS HOST COUNTRY, MIGHT ACT AS CHAIRMAN
 OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE
 CONSIDERATIONS ADVANCED BY THE PRIME MINISTER
 TO CH. MISSINGER DURING HIS RECENT VISIT. THE US DECISION ON THIS
 MATTER IS EXPECTED AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY 24, 1973.

2. THE US SIDES WISHED TO INFORM THE CHINESE SIDE OF THE CONTENTS
 OF A NOTE THAT IT HAS RECEIVED FROM THE SOVIET UNION CONCERNING
 THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. THE SOVIET MESSAGE MAKES THE FOLLOWING
 POINTS:

(1) THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE
 ACCEPTABLE FIRST OF ALL TO THE FOUR PARTIES TO THE VIETNAM AGREEMENT
 AND THEREFORE THE US SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE CONSIDERATIONS
 OF THE VIETNAMESE SIDE.

(2) THE FINAL ACT SHOULD STATE THAT THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS
 NOTE THE AGREEMENT, APPROVE AND SUPPORT THE AGREEMENT AND ITS
 PROTOCOLS, RESPECT THE AGREEMENT AND CONTRIBUTE TO ITS STRICT
 IMPLEMENTATION, AND CALL UPON OTHER STATES TO ACT LIKEWISE.
 THE FINAL ACT SHOULD ALSO REPRODUCE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES AND
 MAIN CONTENTS OF THE AGREEMENT AND THE PROTOCOLS.

(3) THE CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT ADOPT ANY DECISIONS CONCERNING

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LAOS AND CAMBODIA AND ANY REFERENCE TO THOSE COUNTRIES SHOULD BE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS IN THE VIETNAM AGREEMENT.

(4) THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL IS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY AND HIS ONLY STATUS SHOULD BE THAT OF AN OBSERVER, ALTHOUGH HE MAY ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE. IT IS UNREALISTIC TO ALLOT HIM ANY FUNCTIONS CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF THE CONFERENCE, SINCE THERE IS NO CONCURRENCE IN THIS MATTER AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS.

(5) THE SAME CONSIDERATIONS APPLY TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S SERVING AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE ICCS AND THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS OR CONDUCTING MATTERS RELATED TO EXPENSE OF THE ICCS.

THE FOUR PARTIES TO THE VIETNAM AGREEMENT, RATHER THAN THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE CONFERENCE, SHOULD BEAR THE EXPENSES OF THE ICCS. THERE IS NO NEED TO CREATE ANY NEW MACHINERY AT THE CONFERENCE SINCE THIS WAS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE VIETNAM AGREEMENT.

(6) RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AID TO VIETNAM SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY OR HAVE ANY POLITICAL CONDITIONS. THE MEANS OF EXTENDING ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE DECIDED THROUGH CONSULTATIONS BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE CONFERENCE TO MAKE DECISIONS ON THIS MATTER. END TEXT.

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